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Report Highlights:

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Summary

On July 20, 2004, the General Administration of Quality Supervision Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) Minister Li Changjiang announced the creation of the Chinese National Academy of Inspection and Quarantine (CNAIQ). During July the Ministry of Agriculture also created a new Animal Health Veterinary Services Department. China's efforts to reorganize its animal health experts occurs against the backdrop of this year's outbreak of avian influenza, increased bilateral negotiations with countries on livestock and poultry product market access and China's apparent more active role in international standard setting bodies such as Codex and the OIE.

Overall, this reorganization is positive news. China's recognition of the need to commit resources to strengthen its research and regulatory structures should benefit efforts to resolve a number of long-standing market access issues impacting U.S. poultry and beef products—assuming China also brings its quarantine and enforcement regulations more in line with international norms.

AQSIQ Creates Chinese National Academy of Inspection and Quarantine

The Chinese media announced that on July 19, 2004, AQSIQ Minister Li Changjiang opened the Chinese National Academy of Inspection and Quarantine (CNAIQ). CNAIQ, a national academy, is organized from the former China Import and Export Commodity Inspection Technology Institute and the former Animal and Plant Quarantine Institute of AQSIQ. According to media reports, the Minister called the new office a “new chapter for China's inspection and quarantine research”.

Minister Li announced that the academy will be science and technology-oriented, that the research will focus on capacity-building for the real needs of inspection and quarantine and that CNAIQ should complete reform of China's scientific system.

CNAIQ will be composed of five institutes including food safety, animal and plant quarantine, health and quarantine, inspection of industrial products and inspection technology and equipment.

MOA Creates Department of Animal Health Veterinary Services

The Ministry of Agriculture will soon create a new department called Animal Health Veterinary Services. To accomplish this, MOA will split the Bureau of Animal Production and Health into separate production and health departments. The new department's name and functions appear to mirror the USDA APHIS' Veterinary Services.

End report.